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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 300-8-10

SUBJECT: LTP – CONTINUOUS CRP PRACTICE CP-38 STATE ACRES FOR WILDLIFE  
ENHANCEMENT (SAFE)

Purpose. To clarify the eligibility for CCRP Practice CP-38.

Expiration date. October 1, 2008.

The purpose of CCRP Practice CP-38 is to create and restore grassland habitats for ground nesting birds, including the ring-necked pheasant and greater prairie chicken. The grassland habitat for these birds is best achieved by designating a “block” of land to be restored to grasslands. The term “block” is used with this practice because it recognizes the need to create sufficient space for both nesting habitat and provide for escape cover. The ideal grassland habitat avoids establishment of narrow corridors, which can serve as predator traps.

Attached to this bulletin are examples of CP-38 which clarify the eligibility determination process and point out the need for creating a “block” of grassland habitat. The eligibility determination for this practice requires enrollment of either:

- 1) a “block” of at least 10 acres of eligible cropland, or
- 2) a 0.1 to 9.9 acre “block” of eligible cropland located “immediately adjacent” to existing undisturbed wildlife habitat; or
- 3) qualify under an exception for irrigation corners or for a cropland – ravine interface area.

There have been some instances where the CP-38 eligibility has been misunderstood and allowed acres to be eligible provided there were 10 “connected” acres of undisturbed wildlife habitat. The examples clarify the use of existing areas of undisturbed wildlife habitat, which must be “immediately adjacent” to the CP-38 enrolled area and create the minimum 10 acre “block” of habitat.

Questions on the information in this bulletin should be directed to your Area Resource Conservationist.

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Attachments

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